

**“I Will Build My Church!”  
Matthew 16:13-18**

**“On this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it” (Matthew 16:18).**

My hope is that today’s message from Jesus’ triumphant declaration will be the first of five studies designed to help us reshape our mental image of the church and, where needed, recalibrate our thinking so that it is brought into harmony with the truth of Scripture. This first mention of the church in the New Testament is noteworthy because of the compelling truths it contains, highlighted by our Lord’s resounding promise that He will build His church. While we cannot exhaust all that is in this passage, my goal is to shine a light on five noteworthy truths which emerge from the words of our Lord.

1. The certainty of His \_\_\_\_\_  
(Joshua 21:45; 23:15; II Timothy 1:9-10; II Corinthians 1:20)
  
2. The declaration of His \_\_\_\_\_  
(Acts 20:28; I Peter 1:18-19; John 10:14-15, 27-30; Revelation 5:9)
  
3. The revelation of His church’s \_\_\_\_\_  
(Acts 4:11-12; I Peter 2:4-8; I Corinthians 3:11)
  
4. The uniqueness of His church’s \_\_\_\_\_  
(Jeremiah 31:3; Acts 2:37-39; I Corinthians 1:9, 22-31; Revelation 5:9)  
*Ekklesia* – Called out ones
  
5. The assurance of His church’s \_\_\_\_\_  
(Acts 2:26-27, 31; Hebrews 2:14-15; Revelation 1:17-18)